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APPLICANT: Brown et al. EXAMINER: Anne R. Kubelik
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FOR: METHOD FOR ENHANCEMENT OF NATURALLY
OCCURRING CYTOPLASMIC MALE STERILITY AND FOR
RESTORATION OF MALE FERTILITY AND USES THEREOF
IN HYBRID CROP PRODUCTION

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 7, 2003 in connection with the above-identified patent Application please consider the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS TO THE TITLE

Amendments to the title begin on page 3 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 4 of this paper.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 5 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 10 of this paper and includes an attached set of replacement Drawings.

REMARKS

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

APPENDIX

An appendix including a clean version of the Abstract and attached replacement sheets for the Drawings follows page 14 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE TITLE

Please replace the title of the present application with the following title:

"METHOD FOR REDUCTION OF POLLEN PRODUCTION IN PLANTS".

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AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please cancel the Abstract presently on file and replace with the Abstract submitted herewith. A clean version of the Abstract is attached herewith.

Attachment: Clean version of replacement Abstract